



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: RCE**  
Hiroya OKUMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1255A  
Serial No. 09/950,081 : Group Art Unit 1745  
Filed September 12, 2001 : Examiner Mark Ruthkosky

SEPARATOR FOR SOLID POLYMER TYPE **Confirmation No. 1556**  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**